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Decorations, Awards, and Honors

THE AMC FRANK S. BESSON AWARD

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1. **Purpose.** This regulation prescribes U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC) policy and procedures for awarding the AMC Frank S. Besson Award for Procurement Excellence. This award is to recognize excellence in the AMC contracting workforce.

2. **Nature of award.** This award is established in honor of General Frank S. Besson, the first commander of the Army Materiel Command (AMC), and his life-long achievements in acquisition. The award consideration period is on a Fiscal Year basis (1 October through the following 30 September). Awards in three categories will be made annually to recognize outstanding individual achievements by a civilian careerist, an intern, and a military officer, based on criteria described in appendix A. The award is honorary. All recipients will be presented with a plaque. The level of the award is such that it is expected that nominees have previously been considered for recognition by their organizations (civilians by a special act or performance award and military by recommendation for a military award).

3. **Eligibility.** AMC civilian contracting careerists classified within the Office of Personnel Management, GS-1101, 1102, or 1150 job series (Grades GS-9 and above), GS-1100 job series intern, and military Functional Area 97, employed by or assigned to AMC activities or an activity for which AMC serves as Head of Contracting Activity during the award consideration period are eligible. Recipients of the Besson Award may be considered and recommended for other Army and Defense Program awards.

4. **Nomination packets.** Nominations for this award will be forwarded to the address provided in the request for nominations notice in the manner specified (e.g., electronic mail) and contain the following information:

a. A statement from the Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting (PARC) that the Commander has endorsed the nominees and that nominees are certified at their current job level.

b. A summary sheet specifying award category (civilian careerist, intern, or military), nominee's full name, organization, address with office symbol, e-mail address, telephone number, job title and grade, and a point of contact on the PARC's staff with telephone number.

c. A description of nominee's contributions for innovation and excellence in contracting (see appendix A). This description is limited to two type-written pages.

5. **Responsibilities.** A summary of the annual timeline is in appendix A.

a. The Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development and Acquisition (DCSRDA) will--

(1) Request nominations from AMC PARCs by 15 October.

(2) Designate a board of qualified members at HQ AMC to review nominations by 20 November.

(3) Recommend the Principal Deputy for Acquisition (PDA) approval of award recipients by 15 December.

(4) Notify PARCs of selected nominee(s) by 10 January.

(5) Announce winners on the AMC webpage and in the RDA magazine.

(6) Invite recipients and arrange for the award presentations at the Spring AMC PARC Conference.

(7) Provide the plaques to be presented to the winners.

b. PARCs will--

(1) Request nominations from their workforce.

(2) Recommend a nominee in one or more categories to their Commander for endorsement.

(3) Forward their organization's endorsed nomination packets to HQ AMC by 20 November.

(4) If informed of their nominees selection for the Besson Award, provide to HQ AMC by 15 February, a brief biographical sketch (not more than one-half type written page), a proposed citation highlighting the nominee's achievements, and two photographs (glossy 8X10, black/white, head-to-shoulder position).

c. Commanders of MSCs and heads of AMC Contracting Offices will--

(1) Endorse a nominee in one or more categories by 15 November. To ensure the deadline for announcing the winners of the award is met, no extensions will be granted.

(2) Provide awardee funding for travel for awards presentation at the Spring PARC Conference.

d. Principal Deputy for Acquisition (PDA) AMC--

(1) Approve awards or withhold award if achievements in a given category are not deemed to be commensurate with minimum standards for AMC recognition.

(2) Present awards at the Spring PARC Conference.

The proponent of this regulation is the United States Army Materiel Command. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) to Commander, HQ AMC, ATTN: AMCRDA-AC, 5001 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22333-0001.

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APPENDIX A

SELECTION

1. Selection will be based on outstanding individual accomplishments in the performance of daily work assignments or on special project(s). The award criterion is excellence in contracting which contributes to the success of the AMC contracting mission.

2. Though not limited to, contributions could be specific actions or projects which demonstrate contracting technical skills and expertise or innovative ideas, methods, or processes related to--

- Acquisition planning
- Streamlining/simplifying
- Contract negotiations
- Commerciality
- Competition
- Customer support
- Partnering with industry
- Policy

Quantifiable metrics, such as cost or time savings, if any, should be included in the write up.

3. Work characteristics demonstrated may include--

- Industry
- Initiative
- Innovation
- Effective team work
- Quality product(s)

4. Panel members will evaluate nominations in each category and develop an order of merit.

5. Annual Timeline:

15 Oct - AMCRDA request PARC nominations
15 Nov - Commanders endorse nominees
20 Nov - PARCs forward endorsed nomination(s) to AMCRDA
20 Nov - AMCRDA designates selection board
15 Dec - Board recommends awardees to PDA
30 Dec - PDA approves awardees
10 Jan - AMCRDA notifies PARCs of awardees
15 Feb - PARCs provide additional information on nominees
Spring PARC Conference - Award presentations

